



PEI PROGRAM UPDATE APPROVAL SUMMARY

Siskiyou County

PEI Mobile Services Project

Total Requested for New Program: \$151,000

Staff Recommend: APPROVAL

Review History

County Submitted Original PEI Plan: 5/10/2010

New PEI Program Plan Submitted: 8/28/10

MHSOAC Vote regarding New PEI Plan Approval: 9/23/2010

Siskiyou County

Siskiyou County is federally labeled a “frontier county” and is located south of the Oregon border and north of Shasta and Trinity County. Its population density equals seven people per square mile.

County Demographic Profile

- Population: 44,301
 - Latino: 7.5%
 - API: .13%
 - Native American: 3.9%
 - African American: 1.31%
- Age
 - 24% under age 18
 - 18.1% age 65 or older

Summary of Stakeholder Process

Siskiyou County facilitated an impressive variety of Community Program Planning meetings. The PEI specific focus groups included, but were not limited to, 24 Older Adult meetings with 663 people in total attendance and 13 Transitional Age Youth focus groups with 253 attendees. Siskiyou County also collected and analyzed 913 surveys.

PEI Mobile Services Project

- This program will serve Transition Age Youth (ages 16-24) and Adults (25-59) and their families. This project will provide a range of prevention and early intervention services focused on supporting consumers by building protective factors and skills which prevent costly treatment services. Bilingual and bicultural staff will be recruited to ensure the services are assessable and appropriate.

- Personal Service Coordinators (PSC) will operate out of Family/Community Resource Centers throughout the county in family friendly, easily accessible and well established community agencies. The PSCs will travel to various locations throughout the rural county. PSCs will respond to the needs of the consumers by providing mental health assessments, crisis stabilizations support, suicide prevention, education and vocational training services, as well as other prevention and early intervention services and referrals. PSCs will collaborate closely with local substance abuse diagnosis and treatment options, Domestic Violence prevention agencies as well as Siskiyou County Social services, employment training and referral programs and other Housing assistance and emergency support programs.

Example Reviewer Comments

- Appreciated consumer and family member involvement during the Community Program Planning Process
- Appreciated that there was a bilingual focus group
- Concerns about staff time traveling across such a large rural county